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In re Application of : DECISION ON

Burra V.L.S. Prasad

Application No.: 10/579,171

PCT No.: PCT/IB2003/003444

Int. Filing Date: 18 June 2003 : PETITION UNDER

Priority Date: NA

Attorney's Docket No.: BB-168

For: METHOD OF IDENTIFYING AND/OR...

ACTIVE MACROMOLECULE : 37 CFR 1.137(b)

This decision is in response to applicant's "PETITION UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.137(b) FOR REVIVAL OF AN APPLICATION FOR PATENT ABANDONED UNINTENTIONALLY," filed on 12 May 2006. The required fee of \$65.00 (the surcharge under 1.492(h) for late filing of the executed declaration) has been charged to petitioner's Deposit Account.

### **BACKGROUND**

On 18 June 2003, this international application was filed. The deadline for paying the basic national fee in the United States under 35 U.S.C. 371 and 37 CFR 1.495 was 18 December 2005. This international application became abandoned with respect to the United States at midnight on 18 December 2005 for failure to pay the required basic national fee.

On 12 May 2006, applicant filed the instant petition under 37 CFR 1.137(b) and Transmittal letter for entry into the national stage in the United States, which was accompanied by the basic national fee, an executed declaration and the petition fee.

#### DISCUSSION

A grantable petition to revive an abandoned application under 37 CFR 1.137(b) must be accompanied by (1) the required reply, unless previously filed. In a nonprovisional application abandoned for failure to prosecute, the required reply may be met by the filing of a continuing application; (2) the petition fee as set forth in § 1.17(m); and (3) a statement that the entire delay in filing the required reply from the due date for the reply until the filing of a grantable petition pursuant to this paragraph was unintentional. The Commissioner may require additional information where there is a question whether the delay was unintentional; and (4) any terminal disclaimer (and fee as set forth in § 1.20 (d)) required pursuant to paragraph (c) of this section.

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Petitioner has provided: (1) the proper reply by submitting the basic national filing fee, (2) the petition fee set forth in §1.17(m) and (3) the proper statement under 137(b)(3). In this application, no terminal disclaimer is required.

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Accordingly, the petition is deemed to satisfy requirements (1), (2), (3), and (4) under 37 CFR 1.137(b).

## **DECISION**

The petition under 37 CFR 1.137(b) is **GRANTED**.

The required fee of \$65.00 (the surcharge under 1.492(h) for late filing of the declaration) has been charged to Deposit Account No.: 19-0065 as authorized in the petition.

This application is being returned to the United States Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US) for continued processing. The 35 USC 371(c)(1), (c)(2), and (c)(4) date of this application is 12 May 2006.

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